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The observations described below were made from a ship which was forced to anchor in Kola Fjord on its way from Murmansk to clear the channel for the passage of naval vessels. The fleet took about five hours to pass. The observation distance was 200 to 300 yards.

1. On the way from Murmansk a cruiser was observed at anchor in a Vayenga Bay. It had two funnels, two triple turrets forward and two aft, a tripod foremast and a straight mainmast. The deckline was broken between the funnels.
2. While in Kola Fjord there were observed four cruisers of the same type, about 600 feet long, with square sterns. The ships were grey with black waterlines. On the foremast were a number of radar antennae, among them Decca-type antennae, which revolved as the ships passed.
3. Eight other ships of two types also passed, three of them looking like Enclosure 2 and three like Enclosure 3. They were about 450 feet long, with a large number of small-caliber AA guns, and had two banks of torpedo-tubes between the funnels. The appearance was that of small light cruisers.
4. There were about 20 destroyers, divided into two types. Ten of them had two funnels, two banks of torpedo-tubes and an almost straight bow. The second group had a single funnel, two banks of torpedo-tubes and paired guns fore and aft. All had a large number of antiaircraft guns. There was a considerable difference in size between the "light cruisers" (para. 3) and these destroyers.

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5. About 100 submarines went past, of which the largest were more than 300 feet long, and all with deck guns,
6. A considerable number of minesweepers of the T class.
7. A large number of MTBs.
8. Dark had come by time the minesweepers and MTBs passed.

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- Enclosure (1): Sketch of radar antenna.  
(2): Sketch of first type of ship.  
(3): Sketch of second type of ship.

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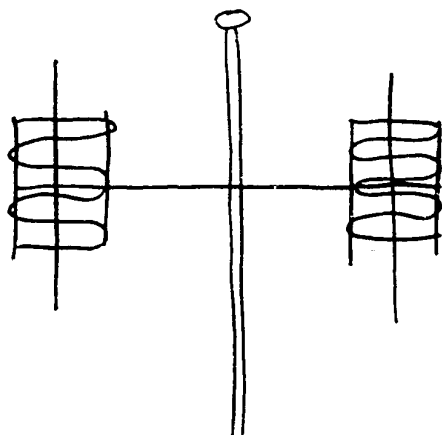
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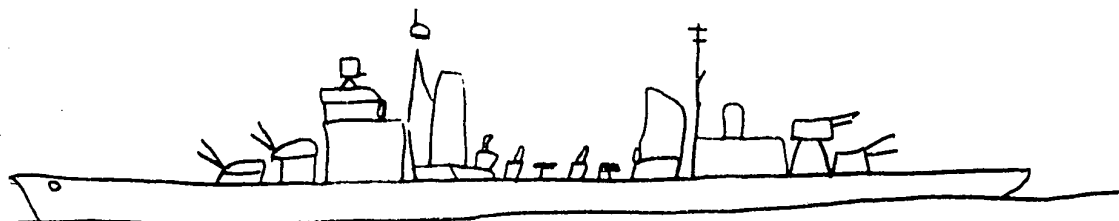
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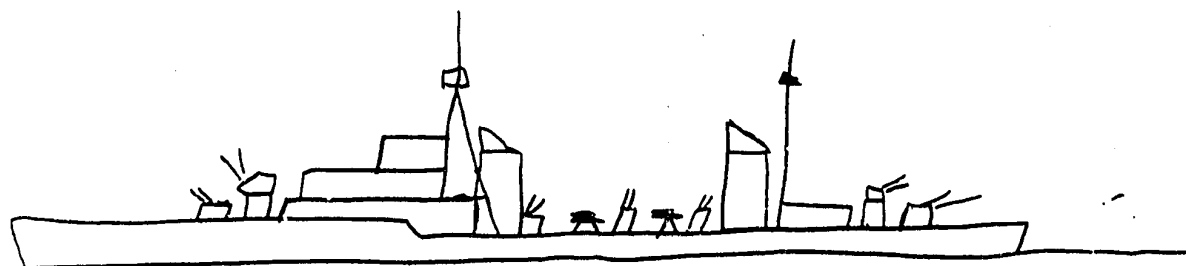
ENCLOSURE (1): Sketch of radar antenna.



ENCLOSURE (2): Sketch of first type of ship.



ENCLOSURE (3): Sketch of second type of ship.



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